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On the brink of EXTINCTION



The Giant Hawaiian Darner or Dragonfly [Hawaiian: *Pinao*] (*Anax strenuous*), endemic to the Hawaiian Islands, is the largest dragonfly in the United States.

At least one in ten species of dragonfly and damselfly are threatened with extinction, according to an international team of conservation scientists who recently reviewed the status of 5,680 dragonflies and damselflies known to science, in accordance with the Red List criteria set down by the World Conservation Union. ~BBC News, May 15, 2009

Dragonflies and damselflies belong to the insect order known as Odonata. Changes to habitat such as pollution and deforestation, together with climate change, seem to have an effect. Indeed, because of their sensitivity to habitat quality, dragonflies are frequently used as an indicator species to assess environmental health.



Two species of Hawaiian damselflies are being proposed as endangered. Found nowhere else in the world the flying earwig Hawaiian damselfly (only on Maui) and the

Pacific Hawaiian damselfly (only on Maui, Molokai and Hawaii island) are unique, endemic insects.



“If they disappear you’ve got something wrong with your habitat.”

~Viola Clausnitzer
 Conservation Scientist



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